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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is respectfully called to the fact that this application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/730,972, filed July 26, 1991.

The Examiner's attention is hereby also respectfully directed to the following documents which were either cited by or forwarded to the Examiner in the predecessor application.

- U.S. Patent No. 3,433,663;
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 3,135,613;
- 3. U.S. Patent No. 2,144,899;
- U.S. Patent No. 2,105,273;
- 5. U.S. Patent No. 4,222,821;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,590,107;
- U.S. Patent No. 3,104,682;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,195,054;
- 9. German Patent No. 3640234;
- 10. TEA & COFFEE TRADE JOURNAL, Vol. 149, No. 9, 1977 R. H. Martin: "The ongoing development of the teabag", pages 16-17;
- 11. Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 38, No. 8, 25 August 1975 (Columbus, OH), page 232, abstract 62287w and Japanese Patent No. 74110907 (Nangoku Pulp Kogyo K.K.), 22 October 1974; and
- 12. U.S. Patent No. 3,547,662.

Each of the above-listed documents should be available in the files of the predecessor application such that no copy thereof need be forwarded herewith.

Attention is also directed to Japanese Patent
Application No. 174699/1989, published July 11, 1989, an English
translation of which is enclosed.

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For the Examiner's convenience, a PTO Form 1449, in duplicate, listing the above-mentioned documents is enclosed.

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